

## DYING REFUGEES CHOKE SERBIAN ROADS— DEAD HORSES ONLY FOOD

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Salonika, Nov. 27 (Delayed).—Vulture-like, starving refugees are stripping the flesh from the bodies of the horses that have perished along the road in their mad flight before the Bulgarian armies.

The horrors of the Albanian trail are growing. Women and children struggling along the whole route from Prizerend to Monastir without food are now facing a biting blizzard that has been sweeping the whole region for two days and nights.

When the snow curtain lifts the corpses of hundreds of humans who gave up the struggle almost certainly will be found.

Each new contingent of refugees arriving here brings fresh stories of the awful tragedies of the Prizerend-Monastir highway, over which a stream of Albanians, Serbians and 50,000 Austrian prisoners are making their way.

Men who have gone without food for many hours are staggering along the rough road. Women with little children are making their way through the snow, camping at night beside pitiful little fires of mountain shrub.

Monastir is the goal of the caravan of refugees who hope to obtain food and rest there. They do not know that Monastir must fall within a few days, leaving them cut off and forced to choose between the winter blizzards of the Albanian mountains and the Bulgarian bands.

Glandsborough Findlay, his wife, Lady Sibyl Findlay, and a party of sixteen English nurses and eight doctors arrived here today. They had walked for seven days through snow and mud along the Albanian mountain trail. They had been entirely without food, except for a little bread commanded by the authorities.

They told stories of the terrible ravages of hunger among the straggling refugees. On their last day on the trail the Findlays passed the bodies of three men, their faces pinched into horrible death masks by starvation. Fifteen of their twenty pack mules died of starvation on the road.

"The world must prepare to shudder," said one of the party, "when what is happening along the Albanian refugee trail comes to light."

The Serbian army is retreating toward Elbassen as the Bulgarians press closer to the refugee line. Twenty British motor cars, laden with flour, are now fighting their way toward Dibra, hoping to be in time to alleviate the sufferings of the starving.

They can carry supplies only a short distance, however. Pack mules must finish the tedious journey.

It was reported here today that the families of the French, British and Russian ministers to Serbia are somewhere on the trail, struggling to reach Monastir. Efforts are being made to reach them.

### —O—O— SUICIDES INCREASE—DEATH BY SHOOTING PREDOMINATES

Death by poison, once the favored method among suicides, has greatly fallen off since the European war started because of the increased cost of drugs, according to Coroner Peter Hoffman.

Shooting was the favored method of suicides in Chicago during eleven months of 1915, when 622 persons took their lives. This is an increase of 49 per cent over the number of suicides in 1905 and 30 per cent over those of 1910. The population since 1910 has increased only 10 per cent.

Crowding out of older workers by young men and women, according to Coroner Hoffman's figures, was the cause for the majority of suicides.